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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 8418

Masato YAMAMICHI et al. : Docket No.2001\_1845A

Serial No. 10/020,308 : Group Art Unit 2131

Filed December 18, 2001 :

CRYPTOCOMMUNICATION SYSTEM,  
TRANSMISSION APPARATUS,  
AND RECEPTION APPARATUS

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly ~~amend~~ the application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

*A1*  
The decryption function unit 2022 receives the encrypted connected information  $E(F(m, Ra), Kp, r)$  from the receiving unit 201, and reads out the decryption key  $Ks$  from the decryption key storage 2021.

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